

House Resolution No. 722

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has touched the hearts and lives of many during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Elva Mable Persons Casteel came into this world on December 27, 1914, since which time she has witnessed with pleasure such monumental events as man's walking on the moon, the dawn of modern medical science, and world computerization; and

Whereas, on February 2, 1931, Elva embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Louie Richard Casteel, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world on February 14, 1980; and

Whereas, Elva and Louie shared many wonderful moments during their blessed union and successfully raised fourteen children who include Norman Casteel, Arthur "Sonny" Casteel (deceased), Leona Marie Casteel Kindlesparger (deceased), Paul Louie Casteel (deceased), Rosie Mae Casteel Perry, Myrtle Louise Casteel Williams, Ralph Edward Casteel, William Earl Casteel, James Gail Casteel, Claudia Marjorie Casteel Mayberry, Lester Charles Casteel, Lorene Lucille Casteel Rowe, Reva Jane Casteel (deceased), and Terry Lynn Casteel; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Elva Casteel greatly enjoys spending holidays with her large and loving family, going on long drives, eating out, and receiving cards and letters from her loved ones in the mail; and

Whereas, Elva Casteel is a very caring and compassionate woman who is thankful for the many blessings she has received and offers to help others whenever she can; and

Whereas, now eighty-nine years young, Elva Casteel faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life in Family Home, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her 151 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Elva Casteel at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her tremendous peace, joy, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elva Mable Persons Casteel, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Dan Ward
District No. 107

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 722, adopted February 23, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker